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Identical letters dated 11 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I refer to our previous letters informing you of the attacks carried out by the so-called international coalition, led by the United States of America, against the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic, its oil and gas facilities and its economic infrastructure. In that connection, I wish to transmit the following information.

On 3 January 2016, coalition aircraft once again attacked the service infrastructure. Their target was the Sahamiyat Drinking Water Station, which is positioned on the main water supply pipe in the Karamah plains in Raqqah governorate. The pump room, which contained seven pump units, was completely destroyed, as was a 2,000 m^2 ground reservoir and the wall around the station. The water station provides 650 m^3 of safe, clean drinking water, of which 250 m^3 per hour meet the needs of the Gharbi al-Jadidat area and 400 m^3 per hour go to the Karamah Plains Housing Complexes area. The Sahamiyat water station is the only source of water for the Mahran and Kahlan stations in the Karamah plains to the east of Raqqah city.

On 2 January 2016, the so-called coalition bombarded the Sabah al-Khayr pumping station, which is some 80 kilometres from Raqqah city and is owned by the Syrian Company for Oil Transport. Extensive damage was caused to old and new administrative buildings, the control building and the oil filtration pool. Preliminary assessments put the losses at some $2.5 million.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic wishes to point out that by bombarding the service, economic, industrial and productive infrastructure, the so-called international coalition has demonstrated its members' hostile intentions towards the Syrian Arab Republic. Along with the unilateral economic and financial coercive measures imposed on the Syrian people by the United States of America and other Western States, these attacks seek to deliberately destroy the resources of the Syrian people, prolong the crisis and delay early recovery, thereby affecting the lives of Syrian civilians, causing their living conditions to worsen and preventing them from earning their livelihood.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic once again asserts its right to seek compensation from the Governments of the United States of America and its coalition partners for the damage deliberately inflicted on Syrian service, industrial,

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productive and gas facilities. It requests that they bring an immediate end to such practices, which benefit only the terrorists and the enemies of the Syrian people.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter issued as a document of the Security Council.

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